

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger on January 18, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Hal Jacobson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Alan Olson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Scott Sales
Rep. Debby Barrett

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary
Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 133, HB 153, HB 281,
HB 266, HJ 7
Executive Action: HB 105

HEARING ON HB 266

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:11 Rep. Rick Jore (C), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 266, Revising late voter registration.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:21 Mark Simonich, Chief Deputy Secretary of State
00:18:50 Robert Throssell, Montana Association of Clerk and
Recorders

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:11 Jean Souvigney, Montana Conservation Voters
00:27:20 Jessica Rhoades, Montana Democratic Party
00:29:59 Terry Kendrick, Montana Women Voters
00:31:32 Linda Gryczan, Montana League of Women Voters
00:32:23 Derf Johnson, Montana Public Research Group
00:33:04 Eric Stern, Governor's Office
00:34:36 Roger Thompson, Volunteer Advocate for AARP Montana
00:36:56 Jason Miller, Montana AFL-CIO
00:37:34 Beth Brenneman, Attorney for the Montana Advocacy
Program of Montana for People With Disabilities
00:40:04 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:58 Rep. Branae
00:41:32 Ms. Rhoades
00:41:37 Rep. Branae
00:41:51 Rep. Phillips
00:42:24 Mr. Simonich
00:43:03 Rep. Phillips
00:43:35 Mr. Simonich
00:44:31 Rep. Ankney
00:45:01 Ms. Souvigney
00:45:37 Rep. Ankney

00:46:10 Ms. Souvigney
00:46:17 Rep. Henry
00:46:54 Mr. Simonich
00:48:39 Rep. Henry
00:49:00 Mr. Simonich
00:49:51 Rep. Henry
00:50:04 Mr. Simonich
00:50:43 Rep. Caferro
00:51:21 Ms. Souvigney
00:51:25 Rep. Caferro
00:51:32 Ms. Souvigney
00:51:54 Rep. Caferro
00:52:10 Ms. Souvigney
00:52:19 Rep. Caferro
00:52:45 Ms. Souvigney
00:53:35 Rep. Caferro
00:54:06 Mr. Simonich
00:55:22 Rep. Caferro
00:55:30 Mr. Simonich
00:55:39 Rep. Dickenson
00:56:27 Ms. Souvigney
00:56:53 Chairman Himmelberger
00:57:12 Mr. Simonich
00:57:35 Chairman Himmelberger
00:58:20 Mr. Simonich
00:58:22 Elaine Graveley, Deputy Elections Officer, Secretary of
State's Office

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:11 Rep. Jore

HEARING ON HB 281

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:02:57 Rep. Tom McGillvray (R), HD 50, opened the hearing on
HB 281, Revise election laws.

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(sth12a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:11:25 Eric Stern, Governor's Office
01:14:00 Ms. Souvigney

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(sth12a02)

01:15:24 Ms. Rhoades
01:17:46 Ms. Gryczan
01:19:54 Ms. Brenneman
01:25:40 Mr. Miller
01:25:48 Mr. Allen
01:26:36 Mr. Johnson

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:27:11 Rep. Phillips
01:27:48 Rep. McGillvray
01:28:10 Rep. Ingraham
01:28:41 Rep. McGillvray
01:29:14 Rep. Ingraham
01:29:23 Rep. McGillvray
01:30:10 Rep. Ingraham
01:30:53 Rep. McGillvray
01:32:08 Rep. Ingraham
01:33:05 Rep. McGillvray
01:33:37 Rep. Hendrick
01:34:16 Rep. McGillvray
01:34:29 Rep. McNutt
01:35:41 Rep. McGillvray
01:35:50 Rep. Caferro
01:36:27 Ms. Brenneman
01:37:32 Rep. Ankney
01:38:08 Rep. Hendrick

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:55 Rep. McGillvray

01:44:54 Recess
02:00:13 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 133

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:00:27 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 133, Revise Information Access Montana Act.

EXHIBIT(sth12a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:06:43 Darlene Staffeldt, State Librarian
02:10:58 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Library Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:11:57 Rep. Small-Eastman
02:12:23 Ms. Staffeldt
02:13:34 Rep. Small-Eastman
02:13:47 Ms. Staffeldt
02:13:55 Rep. Small-Eastman
02:14:21 Ms. Staffeldt
02:14:52 Rep. Small-Eastman
02:15:32 Ms. Staffeldt
02:15:57 Rep. Dickenson
02:16:19 Ms. Staffeldt
02:17:14 Rep. McNutt
02:18:01 Ms. Staffeldt
02:18:53 Rep. McNutt
02:19:40 Ms. Staffeldt
02:21:27 Rep. Ingraham
02:21:42 Ms. Staffeldt

Closing by Sponsor:

02:24:04 Rep. Sesso

Additional Discussion:

02:28:01 Chairman Himmelberger
02:28:07 Rep. Sesso
02:28:24 Chairman Himmelberger

HEARING ON HJ 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:28:48 Rep. John Ward (R), HD 84, opened the hearing on HJ 7,
Urge determination and implementation of telecommuting.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:32:58 Becky Buska, Financial Services Director for the
Montana Supreme Court Services Division

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:34:33 Randy Morris, Administrator, State Personnel
Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:35:06 Rep. Ward

HEARING ON HB 153

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:36:00 Rep. Hal Jacobson (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB
153, Uniform registered agents act.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:43:38 Garth Jacobson, Attorney, CT Corporation

EXHIBIT(sth12a04)

02:56:27 Michael O'Brien, Business Services Deputy, Secretary of
State's Office

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:00:12 Rep. Olson

03:00:54 Rep. Jacobson

03:01:01 Mr. Jacobson

03:02:23 Rep. Jacobson

Closing by Sponsor:

03:02:43 Rep. Jacobson

03:05:20 Recess
03:12:24 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 105

03:12:34 **Motion:** Rep. Small-Eastman moved that **HB 105 DO PASS.**

03:12:48 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **HB 105 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sth12a05)

Discussion:

03:12:55 Rep. Olson
03:13:11 Rep. Small-Eastman

03:13:52 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 105 BE AMENDED** carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Sales, Jacobson and Barrett voted by proxy.

03:14:05 **Motion:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HB 105 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

03:14:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Reps. Sales, Jacobson and Barrett voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

03:15:04 Adjournment

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT(sth12a06) State Librarian Testimony (arrived 01/24/07 in
Secretary's Office)

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT([sth12aad.pdf](#))